

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Page 1, lines 5-10, amend as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO THE RELATED APPLICATIONS Reference to Related Applications:

~~The present invention~~ This application claims the priority ~~on~~ of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-304682, filed ~~on~~ October 18, 2002, and ~~the~~ Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-304683, filed on the same day, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Page 1, line 12, amend the heading as follows:

TECHNICAL FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 21, amend the heading as follows:

BACKGROUND ART OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, line 20, amend the heading as follows:

DISCLOSURE SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 6, line 13, amend the heading as follows::

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION